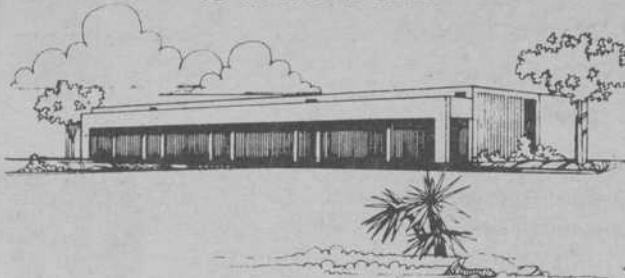


New Medical Center Facility is in the Works.



A very important service is being given more than 45,000 low-income residents of the Westside by the Medical Center being operated by the Operation Life Community Development Corporation.

The Center, which opened last January, is in a trailer located at 400 West Jackson Street. It is manned by Dr. Larry Edwards, who is a public health physician, and two nurses.

According to Dr. Edwards, the clinic has a big problem facing it. It must educate the area residents to the fact that they must share in the costs of running the clinic.

Since the clinic is funded by a federal grant, its services are not free, but rather, it provides individuals with medical treatment for which they must pay on a sliding scale basis determined by their yearly income. In order for the Center to

receive its grant renewal each year and thereby remain open, those who receive services at the Center must pay their medical bills.

Dr. Edwards reports that many economically deprived people suffer from high blood pressure, respiratory ailments, such as asthma and allergies, diabetes and skin problems caused by poor nutrition. He adds that such people often have poor hygiene habits, due to lack of education.

Hopefully, by February 1982 the Clinic will move into a building at Owens and "F" Street. The two-acre site, which will cost \$500,000, will provide enough space to adequately service the West Las Vegas area. And hopefully, by that time there will be three or four physicians and an option for the clinic to expand its services.

WAITING CHILDREN



DeJong (left) and Alice (right) are a black brother and sister who have been in foster care most of their lives. A two-parent black family which could provide a firm, well-structured home is needed for these two children. Prospective adoptive parents would need to have a good sense of humor and, preferably, experience in raising adolescent children.

Alice, a very bubbly twelve year old, relates well to people and is quick to start a conversation. She is an engaging and perceptive child. Alice is a very healthy and attractive girl, but she needs guidance in acquiring better grooming skills. She likes bicycle riding and hopscotch. She has also expressed a desire to study ballet.

Alice is well organized and willing to help around the house, but she has, at times, engaged in periods of very immature behavior. She has at least average potential, but she has had difficulty achieving at school. Her learning may be affected by her awareness of not having a family of her own. When Alice is given individual attention, such as remedial help in reading, she learns more quickly and applies herself eagerly.

Like any pre-adolescent, Alice can be alternately moody or charming. A secure home environment would help Alice achieve better emotional balance.

DeJong, at eleven years of age, is a very intelligent and active boy. Although outwardly friendly, he is more reserved than his sister and slower to show affection. He shows a great deal of independence for his age. He enjoys singing in a church choir and he is active in sports. DeJong takes pride in his ability

to draw animals and people. With training, he could be quite an excellent artist. He also exhibits mechanical ability and likes to figure out how things work.

DeJong likes school, but like his sister, he has needed some special individual help. He has made good academic progress this last year and his potential is above average. He, too, has had episodes of very immature behavior.

DeJong does not have full use of his right arm due to Elbs Palsy. His arm is somewhat underdeveloped. However, he does not let this interfere with his activities. DeJong is sensitive about his disability and some of the fights and temper he has shown in school are related to this sensitivity.

Both DeJong and Alice would need a long period of adjustment if placed into an adoptive home, but both of them should blossom very well with loving, encouraging, and patient adoptive parents.

HOW CAN YOU ADOPT

The Las Vegas SENTINEL, working with AASK (Aid To Adoption Of Special Kids) hopes to find homes for these children.

AASK is looking for people who can give love and nurturing to hard to place children. Prospective parents may be single or married.

If you'd like more information on how to adopt a special child or how you can help financially support the AASK program, please call 876-7420 or write AASK Adoption Agency, 3305 W. Spring Mountain Road, Suite 92, Las Vegas 89102.

Adoption is a specific legal matter, and the Las Vegas SENTINEL can answer no questions concerning the children.

HOOKS ISSUES WARNING AGAINST REAGONOMICS

NAACP Executive Director Benjamin Hooks was in Las Vegas last Wednesday as keynote speaker at the California State Package Store and Tavern Owners Association convention at the Maxim Hotel. He held a brief press conference at McCarran Airport on arrival and directed his initial comments to the Reagan administration and programs.

"If blacks are destroyed by Reaganomics, it won't be because of Reaganomics," he explained. "It will be because black folk sat

on the porch steps and did a lot of talking instead of getting out and registering to vote and then voting. There's no need at getting mad at Reagan for doing his thing if black people fail to get out and do their thing at voting booths."

"The Reagan administration has the misguided view that if the business world is released from equal opportunity laws, it will somehow have the capability and initiative to take care of people itself," Hooks said. "Somehow I doubt that, human nature being what is."

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about the Gulf of Sidra and the SR-70 incidents, I could not help but believe that somewhere between the election of 1980 and the present, Mr. Reagan has become a puppet. The puppeteers seem to be Baker and Meese, the president's immediate assistants.

Whether or not Ed Meese can decide what the president should or should not be told raises a serious problem for the nation. Mr. Reagan indicated during the campaign that if he felt he was unable to make a decision because of senility resulting from his age, he would step down as president. But if the president is not getting the information to make presidential decisions, such as that concerning the Gulf of Sidra and the SR-70 incidents, it seems to indicate that the nation may not know of his incapacity to do so.

The Howard Hughes empire ran for years without the public being aware of his condition. We could have a similar situation with our President. Mr. Meese seems to be very protective of the President, even to the point of publicly telling the President that he does not have to answer certain questions. Does this represent that the President is incapable of speaking for himself without the advice of a lawyer?

The public has the right to know if Mr. Reagan is experiencing any problems which would affect his ability to be President.



ED BROWN AROUND TOWN

Cabdriver Majorie Creel outsmarted an attacker early Tuesday on North J. St. Ironically, it was her first week at work as a "cabbie."

She picked up the would-be bandit in front of the Mint Hotel. He told her he had locked his keys in his car and needed a ride to his parent's westside home to get another set.

She took him to the apartment and after returning from the home, he pulled out a gun and was reported to have said, "If you move I'm gonna blow your head off."

The robber took her purse and jewelry before ripping the microphone and meter out of the cab. He then demanded more cash.

When she stated that she did not have anymore, he said, "OK, then you're gonna get (raped)."

The suspect, identified as Darryl Whitney, 20, of 1701 N. J. St., was later apprehended by Metro Police and faces numerous charges in connection with the robbery attempt.

At SENTINEL press time, World Boxing Council junior middleweight contender Carlos Santos had suffered a friction-caused abrasion on the middle knuckle of his left hand and had pulled out of Saturday's scheduled title fight with WBC champion Wilfred Benitez.

According to a Don Chargin Promotions spokesman, a search was underway late Tuesday night.

A press conference was held Wednesday afternoon at the Showboat Hotel, site of the scheduled fight. At that time, it was announced that the fight was cancelled due to the promoters inability of obtaining a suitable opponent.



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